

A TOMB AMONG THE CLOUDS

Major Burke Has Chosen His Burial Place on a Lofty Peak.

(New York Times.)

During the past week it has become known to some of the friends of Major John M. Burke that he has selected as his burial place a lofty peak in the Big Horn basin, where his mausoleum will consist of huge boulders from the native granite, surrounded by the eternal snows.

This selection was not made because the major expects to die in the immediate future. Nor was it in any respect an indication of the selection by Cecil Rhodes of a place of sepulture on the Matopo hills, which so recently fixed the attention of the world. Major Burke some years ago decided when he first saw McCullough's peak rearing its first almost 10,000 feet vertically from the Big Horn basin that here he would like his ashes to rest, and the exact spot had already been engraved with his name on the official government map when Cecil Rhodes' dramatic burial took place.

Mountain top burial is, however, new fad, although it has been indulged in only a limited extent. It was Napoleon who first put the scheme into operation in modern times when he ordered the burial on top of the Alps of General Desaix, who was killed at the battle of Marengo. Desaix's monument is now to be seen in the chapel of the monastery on the Great St. Bernard. Napoleon himself was buried on the side of a mountain in St. Helena until his remains were taken back to Paris in accordance with the wish expressed by him in his will. Chautau in his will expressed a desire to be buried on a rough island off the coast of Brittany, and Robert Louis Stevenson chose as his last resting place a lofty mountain on the island of Hawaii. In the United States, "Wild Bill" (J. B. Hootch) had himself buried on a mountain top at Deadwood, N. D. "Texas Jack," (J. B. Omeendorf) was buried near Leadville, at an elevation of 10,000 feet above the sea, and Helen Hunt Jackson was laid to rest in the Rocky mountains.

Major Burke makes no claim to greatness of the kind that attaches to such men as General Desaix, Cecil Rhodes, and Robert Louis Stevenson, but the idea of being buried in a scene of perpetual grandeur on the lofty summit of a mountain is pleasing to his mind, especially as he has been intimately connected with the place where this mountain is situated.

"Someday but John would have thought of such a thing," said one of his friends yesterday. "He has the boldness of imagination which fits him for leadership in all dramatic enterprises."

The exact spot where Major Burke is to be buried is a giant spur of McCullough's peak, which has been officially designated by the government maps as Burke's bluff, Wyoming. The friendship between Buffalo Bill and Major Burke, which has lasted for over thirty years, has been connected with the exploration of this region. In 1865 he started west with G. Clay Smith, who had been appointed governor of Montana, as successor to the late Thomas Francis Meagher, and got as far as Nebraska City, which was then the "jumping off place" for the west. There he encountered General Phil Sheridan, who, against the advice of all the guides, had determined to make a winter campaign against the Indians. Sheridan's whole force, as related in his memoirs, got snowed in, and he found that the guides were right, and he was wrong.

"One day," said Major Burke, in relating the incident, "Sheridan was unloading his upturned weapons on the snow, ruminating on his situation, when he was amazed to see a scout come into camp through a blizzard in which Sheridan thought that he could hardly see. It was Buffalo Bill, then known as Billy Cody, 'the hero of the plains,' just as Red Cloud was 'the terror of the plains.' Cody delivered a dispatch to Sheridan, which he had brought from General Hazen, ninety miles away, and volunteered to take the reply. The soldiers and other guides said he never would get through alive, but he did, and thereafter he continued as chief of scouts for Sheridan. Sheridan's campaign finally won, and I met Colonel Cody and the officers in Nebraska City. We were all talking of this wonderful region, which has since produced so much mineral wealth, and were pushing on to get there and open it up, but, strange to say, we let other people get in ahead of us, and Senator Clark, Marcus Daly, and others took out the mineral wealth, or a great part of it. It was not until 1894 that Colonel Cody and his friends really took the scheme up in earnest. He and Mr. Salisbury and a company secured the first land grant under the Carey act for irrigating arid lands, and a naturally accompanied Colonel Cody to the Big Horn basin, and the present town of Cody was started, and the Burlington route has recently opened its railroad to that point.

"I was immensely impressed by the Big Horn basin. It is bigger than the state of Massachusetts and surrounded by lofty mountain ranges. On the west are the Rocky mountains, and the Yellowstone park is there, like the roof of a sky-scraper. On the north are the Prior mountains, on the east the Big Horn mountains, and on the south the Shoshone mountains. The basin is 5,000 feet above the sea level, and was once a lake. The soil is alluvial, and the water courses are many feet below the level of the ground, making irrigation necessary. The rainfall is sufficient to make grasses, but not enough for agriculture, and it is protected from cold by the mountains in winter. In this basin are two extraordinary mountains forty miles apart, the Hart's mountain and McCullough's peak. They rise perpendicularly in the valley like enormous monuments, and are of a dark-brown colored stone. Lewis and Clark mentioned them, and their figure in Washington Irving's 'Bonville'.

In 1896 Governor Richards, accompanied by State Engineer Meade and a party of twenty, came to inspect the progress of the irrigation and made many changes in nomenclature in the valley, officially adopting, for instance, the name Shoshone for the big river. I was driving with Meade toward a tavern called Launchbury's, fifty miles from Cody, and McCullough's peak was in sight all morning. Finally, as we came near it, the mountain was obscured by a bluff 1,500 feet high, vertically, which projected from the base into the valley like the prow of a giant ocean liner. This from a large part of the mountain was more conspicuous than McCullough's peak itself. Meade decided to call it Burke's bluff, after me. It was so entered on the official map and chalked up by him on the door at Launchbury's. I told him that here I had decided to be buried."

"How are you going to have your body taken up?" was asked.

"There are trails on the mountain side," said Major Burke. "Cecil Rhodes' remains were hauled up the sides of the Matopo hills by ox teams, but even this could not be done at McCullough's peak, because there is no road. A few men have been up the mountain and they describe the great deposits there of a fine marble, which comes in great boulders. The view is one of the grandest in the world. Almost on all sides you see the snow-covered mountains surrounding the valley. You can look into the Yellowstone park. The Big Horn basin at its feet looks like a garden with miniature flower patches. There is a big lake on this mountain. The big horn sheep are still to be found there."

"The ascent of this mountain, and the proper charging of it might well challenge the attention of people who climb the Matterhorn, the Jungfrau, and other more accessible peaks. The top of McCullough's peak must be 15,000 feet above the sea level. I predict that this place will be the mine of the future as the future as a health resort. The valley affords natural hot springs of sulphur and soda, possessing high curative properties. I know of one case in which the spring cured, I believe, a case of malignant cancer, at least the cancer disappeared after the patient began bathing. The air is of a rare quality, especially valuable in lung diseases. All kinds of small fruits grow in the valley, and the crops are amazing, now that irrigation has been known to exceed fifty bushels to the acre and potatoes will yield under proper cultivation 500 bushels to the acre."

"Colonel Cody has 10,000 acres fenced in adjoining the Yellowstone park, with thirty lakes on it, for a horse ranch. But, but not far off, comparatively speaking, as the crow flies. The streams in the Big Horn basin are full of trout and grayling. Colonel Cody took 400,000 fish from the government hatcheries and carried them 135 miles for the lakes in the basin. So clear is the air here that you can see a distance of fifty miles. The town of Cody is booming, now that the railroad is in there."

"I do not expect, however, no matter how the valley or basin may grow in population, that anybody will grow rich in the valley. I will have it all to myself. My solitary tomb up among the clouds will dominate the finest valley on God's footstool. I will be lonelier but safer than in any cemetery, and I will be only the stars and the eagles for companions."

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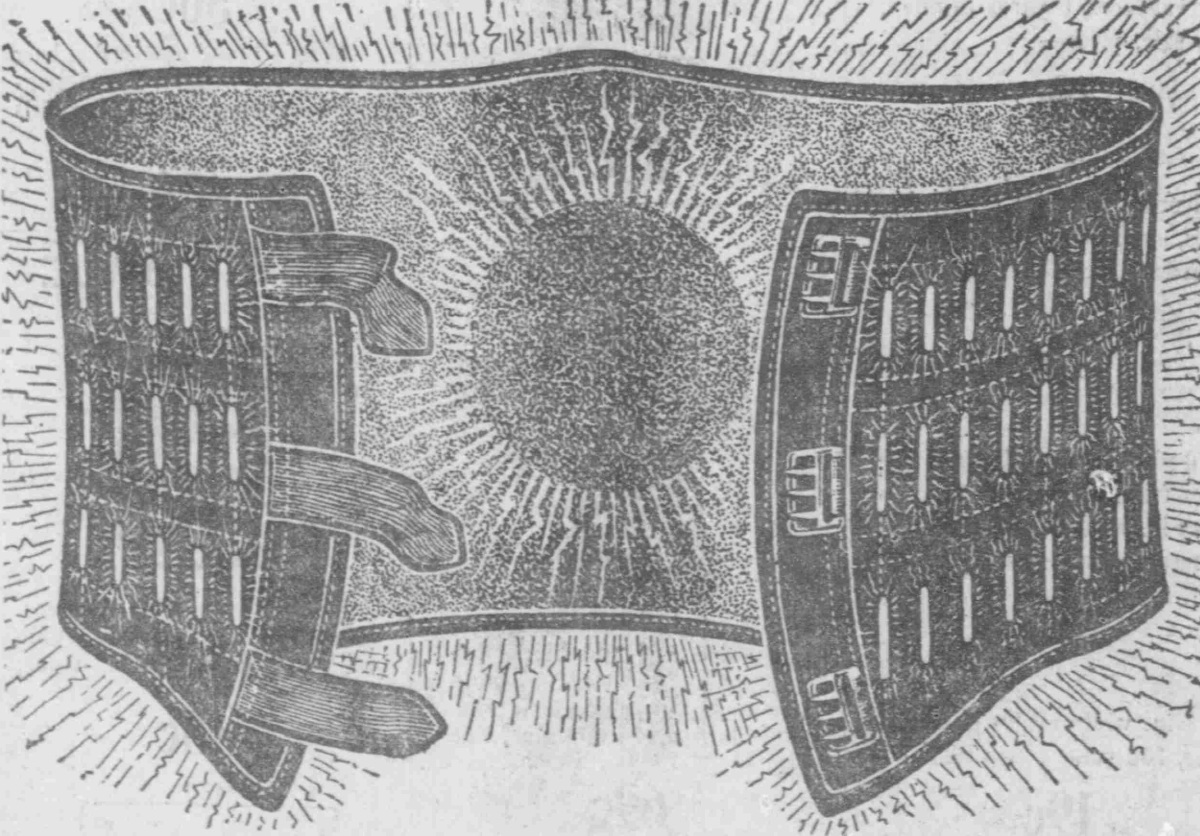
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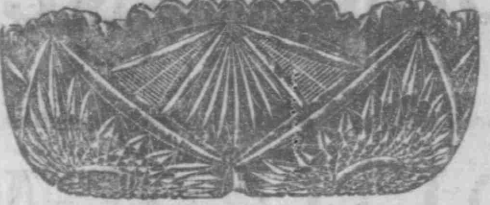
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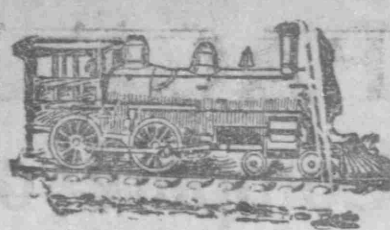
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JAMES F. SMITH, Secretary.

Dated May 19, 1902.

Notice of Assessment.

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Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Utah Railway company will be held at the office of the company, in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of June, 1902, at ten o'clock a. m.

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G. W. VALLERY, Secretary.

Denver, Colo. May 15, 1902.

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